Evils of the use of tobacco

1st It is a useless practice
2nd A filthy practice
3 Injurious to health
(Good breeding, morals &c)
4th Expensive
5th Therefore
Sinful.

Resolved, that tobacco using is 1st Useless, Unnecessary 2 Filthy, 3 Injurious, 4 Expensive Therefore 5th Sinful

Therefore
Resolved, that Christians should not only abstain from using it themselves but do all in their power to deter others from its use

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11. Appoint the Place for the next Meeting of the Association.
12. Appoint a Brother to Preach the Introductory Sermon.
13. Miscellaneous business and Resolutions.
14. Call and correct the Roll.
15. Adjourned.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The OXFORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its ninth annual session, with the Baptist Church at Good Hope, in Panola county, Mississippi, on Friday, the 6th day of September, 1878.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the appointee, Elder H. W. Rocket.

After a recess of an hour, the delegates re-assembled for business. The body was called to order by the Moderator, Elder R. G. Hewlett.

A hymn was sung and prayer offered, by Elder T. H. Smith. The letters from the Churches were read by Elders T. H. Smith and H. J. Smith. The Association then went into election for officers, Brethren C. Crosby, and S. P. Woodruff, acting as tellers, resulted as follows: Eld. R. ~~S.~~ G. Hewlett, Moderator, D. J. Burgess, Clerk, and J. A. Thornton, Treasurer.

The Pastor and Deacons of Good Hope church, together with Brethren Wm. E. Robertson and H. E. Draper, were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Eld. H. W. Rockett moved that the order of business governing this body at the last session, be adopted.

The motion carried.

Petitionary letters were read from Liberty Hill and Springport, and the delegates received, and their names enrolled.

Eld. E. W. Henderson was received as Corresponding Messenger from the Cold Water Association.

No report of Messenger to corresponding bodies.

The following brethren were appointed a committee on Finance, viz: E. G. Leigh, R. Fowler and W. M. Bowles.

Further time was granted the Executive Board in which to make its report.

Executive Board appointed as follows:

Executive Board:

Antioch—H. Shankle.
Bethany—H. E. Draper.
Bynum's Creek—R. Fowler.
Clear Creek—D. J. Burgess.
Concord—Jacob Wilson.
Courtland—S. J. Burnett.
Eureka—S. R. Lamb.
Springport—G. C. Pritchard.
Good Hope—J. A. Thornton.
Liberty Hill—Daniel Patton.
Mt. Gilead—A. R. Hill.
Providence—W. K. Bryant.
Yellow Leaf—W. R. Knight.
Yocona—W. A. Carothers.
Oxford—Elder Z. T. Leavell.
Water Valley—C. Crosby, J. M. Shaw, H. W. Rockett, J. J. Higginbotham, Adam Fulmer, Jr., and R. Granberry.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Reports of Standing Committees were called for. Whereupon, Elder T. H. Smith read the following

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS:

Your Committee on Publications would submit the following:

We think the press is one of the greatest means for good when properly conducted, known to man.

For proof on this subject, we have only to refer to the many instances of good having been accomplished by the publication and circulation of books, tracts and papers. Therefore

we would earnestly recommend that our people take a greater interest in the circulation of our Literature.

There are many good books and papers, which your committee could recommend, but we would especially recommend the "Baptist Record," published at Clinton, and edited by J. B. Gambrell; also "The Baptist," if able to take both. But we recommend the "Record" above any other, because it is our own State paper, and through it we learn of the work that is going on, and the necessities of our own State.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. SMITH.

Eld. H. J. Smith moved the adoption of the report, pending which, the subject of publication was discussed by Elds. T. H. Smith, E. W. Henderson, R. G. Hewlett H. W. Rockett, and H. J. Smith. After which, the report was adopted.

The committee on Devotional Exercises made the following announcements:

Preaching Saturday at 11 o'clock, by Eld. R. G. Hewlett; at night, by Eld. T. H. Smith. Sunday, at 11 o'clock by Eld. E. W. Henderson; at night by Eld. S. D. Johns.

By motion, adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by Eld. E. W. Henderson.

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SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 7.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. A hymn was sung, and prayer offered by Eld. H. J. Smith.

Eld. R. G. Hewlett read the following report :

Evils of the use of Tobacco :

It seems to be taken for granted in the statement of this subject, that there are evils connected with, or resulting from,

the use of tobacco. Your committee, then, will not attempt to prove this fact, but proceed to point out what we believe to be some of those evils.

First. It is a useless or unnecessary practice. We will not attempt an argument on this point.

Second. It is a filthy habit. This needs no demonstration, as we have a vast amount of occular evidence of the fact.

Third. In the opinion of your committee it is in a majority of cases, at least, injurious to the health, being an unnecessary stimulant.

Fourth. It is a social evil, being offensive—in some cases exceedingly offensive—to the sensibilities of those who do not use it, but are necessarily brought in immediate contact with it by their associations with those who do use.

Fifth. This being admitted, your committee is of opinion that it would not be difficult to show that it is a moral evil, as the Scriptures do not allow us the privilege of inflicting an unnecessary nuisance upon any of our fellow men.

Sixth. It is a very expensive habit. Last year 27,000,000 pounds of tobacco, and nearly 2,000,000,000 cigars were smoked, snuffed and chewed in the United States alone. Putting this tobacco at fifty cents per pound, and the cigars at a nickle a piece, we have the enormous sum of $113,000,500 that is smoked, snuffed and chewed in this country per annum. Estimating one-tenth of this to be thus spent by professors of religion, we have $11,350,000; allowing $1000 per man, this would support 11,350 missionaries in heathen lands—perhaps ten times the number of foreigners laboring in heathen lands, the world over, outside the Catholic church. The whole amount spent for tobacco, given to the cause of Christ, would amply support over 100,000 preachers of the Gospel. And this vast sum, in the estimation of your committee, is more than thrown away.

And yet we call ourselves christians, and propose to teach

the heathen world and the balance of mankind temperance, sobriety, self-denial, etc.. In view of all this, I am not surprised that the heathen Chinee are contemplating the establishing of a mission or missions in our own country to *convert us.*

How can the tobacco user approach with a clear conscience, New Testament in hand, the Chinese opium eater and propose to teach him sobriety, temperance, etc., is a mystery that your committee does not pretend to be able to unravel.

In view of all this, we are irresistably driven to the conclusion that tobacco using is a sinful practice, and that it is the duty of all christians to abstain from it and do what they can to dissuade others from its use.

Respectfully, R. G. HEWLETT.

The report, upon motion of Elder H. J. Smith, was adopted.

The following report was read by Eld. H. J. Smith, viz:

Ministerial Education:

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Ministerial Education, submits the following:

No subject that will come before this body, is of more importance to us, as a Denomination, or demands at our hands more prompt action than Ministerial Education.

This is a fast age, we live in an era of tremendous activities; error of the most ruinous character abound. Roman Catholicism, Ritualism, and Infidelity, are making rapid progress in portions of our country; with masques thrown off and armed for the conflict, they have assaulted the very citadel of a pure christianity, and boldly and defiantly challenge the advocates of God's pure and unadulterated Truth to contest. The Prince of Darkness has taken the field in person: he expects no quarter and he gives none: how shall they be met? Certainly not by a cringing and compromising policy. They must be met front to front.

We must have a ministry equal in point of literary attainments, to those against whom we have to contend. The time has fully come when Greek must meet Greek, and when science must be met by learning. The age demands and we need a Ministry keenly alive to the Master's cause, panoplied in the whole armor of God. Profoundly sensible of their grand mission, whose bugle blast shall send forth no uncertain sound. Marshalling the forces, rallying the rank, and file of the army of the Son of God for the contest.

We have and love to cherish institutions of learning for our young ministers, not to make preachers that God did not call, but as much as possble, in our humble way, to do what our Savior did for them three years. Educate ministers after they are called of God to preach.

Ministers are wanted every where, and every body, saint and sinner, wants and appreciates, and will have the best educated as well as the most pious and devoted preacher they can find.

The world of mind is fast waking up to the fact, that the field of the Gospel is the world, and we must do our part in supplying this great field with qualified preachers.

Astronomy, anatomy, physiology, the physical sciences, everything good, should be laid under contribution to the pulpit; they must understand the word of God, or else they will fail to teach its blessed truths to others. They must contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints; like Howe, they should feel that they come to rouse the slumbers of one world by the thunders of another.

We would not be understood as saying that uneducated ministers have accomplished no good in the cause of the Master; by no means; they have done noble and lasting service; but we think they would willingly testify that they have often felt the need of a thorough education.

While we recommend every suitable institution of learning,

we would earnestly urge the claims of Mississippi College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, to the favorable consideration of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. SMITH, Chairman.

Pending the adoption of this report, the subject of Ministerial Education was discussed by Elds. R. G. Hewlett, H. J. Smith, H. W. Rockett and C. Crosby, after which the report was adopted.

Bro. S. R. Lamb read the following

Report on Education :

Your committee deem it unnecessary to enter into a discussion upon the necessity of education. The question with us is how and where should we educate our children.

We think it is the duty of Baptists to patronize Baptist intitutions, and among others, would recommend Mississippi College. Respectfully submitted,

S. R. LAMB.

Discussed by Elder H. J. Smith, and adopted.

The following report, by request of S. D. Johns, chairman of the commtitee, was read by Elder R. G. Hewlett, viz:

Report on Foreign Missions:

Since the giving of the last great grand commission by Jesus Christ: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," with the promise: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," it has been the duty of His church to send the Gospel abroad into the regions beyond. In the first part of the present century there was a great revival of the missionary spirit, and consequently of missionary labor among the churches of Christ, and results in many quarters truly wonderful have followed. At that time almost the entire Heathen and Mahomedan world was closed against all missionary labor. But while God has stirred up

the churches to missionary labor, He has to an extent, truly wonderful, opened a door among the nations of earth, for the gospel of Christ. As the result of this, it is stated that there are now in China thirty christian churches at work, and the number of converts rapidly increasing.

Japan welcomes christianity, and proclaims the christian Sabbath. There are 350 churches in Burmah, and nine-tenths of the work is done by native missionaries, and for every convert fifty years ago, there are now one thousand.

Persia, Syria, Gambia, Liberia, and other countries are occupied by missionaries, with thousands of communicants, as the result of their labors.

There are forty thousand communicants in South Africa, and forty-five thousand children in the schools.

Twenty thonsand gathered into the churches of Madagascar, and Polynesia is said to be almost entirely christian.

In view of all this accomplished in fifty years, well may we exclaim, what hath God wrought!

The Baptists of the South have their missions in China, with brethren Groves, Gates and Crawford at the head, with many other laborers. This force is soon to be strengthened, we are glad to learn, by the return of Bro. Simmons.

In Rome we have Brethren Taylor, and others, native Italian preachers. In Africa, Bro. David and a colored preacher, who went out as his fellow laborer; and we feel thankful that the Lord is wonderfully blessing their labors.

We recommend that the Foreign Mission work to our brethren as being second to none in which we as a Denomination are engaged.

Your committee would recommend as a plan to forward this good work, and give all our Brethren and Sisters a chance to contribute of their means to this heavenly enterprise; that each pastor of our several churches of this Association, be requested to preach at least one sermon on Foreign Missions during our ensuing Associational year, and should take up

collections and forward them to the Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va.

Our people very often do not give because they are not taught their duty and asked to give.

S. D. JOHNS, Chairman.

The report, upon motion of Eld. H. J. Smith, was adopted.

Eld. H. W. Rockett read the following

Report on Sabbath Schools:

Your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report that the Sabbath school work is not as prosperous in our Association as it ought to be. While a large majority of our people are convinced of its importance and scripturalness, they seem to think that to labor in the Sabbath school forms no part of christian duty. We are sorry to see so few schools reported by the churches to the Association. There should be a school in every church, and the members should be intensely interested in it. The importance of the Sabbath school cannot be too highly appreciated. Its benefits are varied and extended. They make the christian happier and more efficient, and better acquainted with the scriptures. They give employment to minds that would otherwise lead to the desecration of the Sabbath day. Hence, seed are often sown in the unregenerate heart that germinate and spring up into everlasting life. We would impress upon our brethren engaged in this work the duty of teaching Baptist literature, in furtherance of which, we recommend "*Kind Words*," published by Bro. S. Boyken, at Macon, Ga. We also recommend the Baptist Book House, at Memphis, for tracts, catechisms, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. ROCKETT,
D. J. BURGESS.

The report, after a short discussion, was adopted.

By motion of Eld. H. W. Rockett, the order of business was suspended in order that the Committee on Temperance

might be appointed—both appointees on that report being absent. Elds. H. W. Rockett and H. J. Smith appointed on said committee.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the Association adjourned until 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator.
Prayer by R. Fowler.
Eld. H. W. Rockett read the following

Report of the Executive Board:

We, the Executive Board of the Oxford Baptist Association, beg leave to report that during the year we held several meetings, at which the churches were poorly represented. Under the circumstances, we felt a delicacy in asking any one to take the Missionary work of the Association, not knowing whether he would be supported, until Bro. T. H. Smith voluntarily offered his services, willing to trust to the efforts of the Board, and the love of the brethren of the Association. We employed him at a salary of $50 per month, provided we could raise that amount. He has been in the field several months, and his labors have not been fruitless. We give an extract from his report to the Board:

"I have organized two churches, one at Springport, and the other at Liberty Hill. I have traveled about 788 miles, preached 55 sermons, made 81 pastoral calls, made 98 public prayers, baptized 27."

The majority of the churches have not responded to our calls, for help for Bro. Smith. We have received only $55 60 for the work in the Association, but we have given several hundreds to State Missions. Brethren, we ought to divide our means, and devote more to our Associational work.

Respectfully submitted.

H. W. ROCKETT, President.

ADAM FULMER, Jr., Secretary.

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Moved by Bro. C. Crosby that the report be adopted. Discussed by Elds. R. G. Hewlett, H. W. Rockett, T. H. Smith, H. J. Smith, E. W. Henderson and Bro. J. A. Thornton, and a collection amounting to $35 45 in cash was taken up, and the report adopted.

Eld. H. J. Smith read Report on Temperance, as follows:

Report on Intemperance:

The use of intoxicating drinks, as a beverage, is an evil much to be deplored. It leads to dissipation, poverty, crime, and blood-shed: breaks the peace and harmony of families; severs the ties of friendship, and often causes trouble in the church of Christ, therefore,

Resolved, That the churches of this Association be requested to use all proper means to discourage its use as a beverage, and endeavor to cultivate the principles of temperance among the membership.

H. W. ROCKET,
H. J. SMITH.

After some discussion, the report was adopted.

Treasurer's Report read and adopted, as follows;

TREASURER'S REPORT:

J. A. THORNTON TREASURER,

In Account with Oxford Baptist Association.

Received from Finance Committee for State Missions..	$ 70 15
" for Minutes from Finance Committee.....	43 90
" " Foreign Missions	8 00
" " Mississippi College.....	5 00
Total.....	$127 05

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Paid T. J. Walne.....	$ 70 15
" D. J. Burgess.....	43 90
" E. Z. Simmons.....	8 00
" J. B. Gambrell.....	5 00
Total.....	$127 05

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. THORNTON, Treasurer.

Bro. E. G. Leigh read Report of Finance Committee, as follows:

Report of Finance Committee:

Received for printing Minutes	$26 00
" for Home Mission, paid Bro. T. H. Smith	35 45
" for Foreign Missions	2 00
Total	$63 45

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. LEIGH,
R. FOWLER,
W. M. BOWLS.
Committee.

Appointed the following

Standing Committees:

Ministerial Education—H. W. Rockett, C. Crosby.
Temperance—H. J. Smith, W. G. Anderson.
Education—J. L. Johnson, T. H. Smith.
Foreign Missions—Z. T. Leavell, S. D. Johns.
Sabbath Schools—T. R. Williams, G. C. Pritchard.
Publications—A. J. Quinche, D. J. Burgess.
Evils of the use of Tobacco—J. W. Higginbotham, J. J. Sawyer.

Appointed the next meeting of the Association to be with Mt. Gilead Church, seven miles south-west of Water Valley.

Appointed Eld. H. J. Smith to preach the Introductory Sermon.

By H. W. Rockett:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association be instructed to insert into the Associational Minutes, a financial table including the financial reports from the various churches of this body.

By H. W. Rockett:

Resolved, That the Churches of this Association be again

requested to forward a financial report to each meeting of the Association.

By. D. J. Burgess:

Resolved, That any member of this Association be authorized to represent us in any body with which we correspond.

By Eld. H. W. Rockett:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to Good Hope Church and neighborhood, for hospitality received by the Association.

By Bro. S. R. Lamb:

Resolved, That the funds in the hands of the Treasurer, be distributed according to their several objects, and the Clerk have as many Minutes printed as the funds for that purpose will pay for.

The roll was called and corrected.

The Association adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock, A. M., on Friday before the second Lord's day in September, A. D., 1879, with the Mt. Gilead Church, seven miles south-west of Water Valley.

R. G. HEWLETT, Moderator.

D. J. BURGESS, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. G. Hewlett	Oxford.
J. L. Johnson	"
Z. T. Leavell	"
S. D. Johns	Courtland.
H. W. Rockett	Water Valley.
H. W. Middleton	Courtland.
H. J. Smith	"
W. Johnson	"
T. R. Williams,	Taylor's Depot
T. H. Smith,	" "
J. J. Sawyer,	Harrison Station.
E. D. Rowe,	" "
J. H. Collins,	Pope's "
M. G. Leatherwood	" "

LICENTIATES.

G. C. Pritchard,	Springport.
W. D. Mitchell,	Elliott's Mill.
I. N. Briggs	" "
W. R. Briant	Paris
I. T. Mabry	Harrison Sta.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR 1878.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	PASTORS.	Days of M'ting.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by letter	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Amount p'd by Churches.	Paid Ministers.
Antioch	Courtland	Panola	S. D. Johns.	H. J. Smith	1	...	5	1	11	1	1	60	.....	.....
Bethany	Harrison	Tallahatchie	H. E. Draper, H. B. Gowan,	H. J. Smith	2	2	...	1	2	...	...	55	$ 108 00	$ 2 50
Bynum's Creek	Elliott's Mill	Panola	R. Fowler, Jesse McCollough J. R. Jones.	J. J. Sawyer	1	...	4	...	9	...	1	26	.....	1 50
Clear Creek	Oxford	Lafayette	Eld. R. G. Hewlett, D. J. Burgess.	R. G. Hewlett	2	2	4	...	16	...	...	96	238 60	3 00
Concord	Taylor's Depot	"	Jacob Wilson.	T. R. Williams	3	...	4	...	2	1	1	34	.....	.....
Courtland	Courtland	Panola	Eld. H. J. Smith, W. G. Anderson, A. T. Bobo.	H. B. Hayward	4	4	7	...	...	...	3	31	19 25	2 05
Eureka	Elliott's Mills	"	S. T. Woodruff, E. G. Leigh, S. R. Lamb.	R. G. Hewlett	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	95 00	2 00
Good Hope	" "	"	J. A. Thornton, W. A. Simmons, James Slaughter.	H. J. Smith	4	7	2	...	8	4	...	99	.....	3 50
Liberty Hill	" "	"	Pannel T. Patton, W. H. Holcombe.	M. G. Leatherwood	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	22	.....	1 00
Mt. Gilead	Water Valley	Yalobusha	J. P. Boydston.	J. J. Sawyer	4	1	...	...	5	4	...	60	.....	3 00
Oxford	Oxford	Lafayette	Not represented last year's statistics.	Z. T. Leavell	ev	...	...	...	...	...	...	98	.....	.....
Providence	Banner	Calhoun	Represented by letter.	W. K. Briant	2	10	5	...	4	2	2	81	.....	.....
Springport	Springport	Panola	Eld. G. C. Pritchard, W. P. Hobbs, O. F. Leach.	T. H. Smith	1	15	6	...	...	...	...	32	.....	1 00
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FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

MT. GILEAD CHURCH, Sept. 12th, 1879.

The OXFORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Tenth Annual Session, with the Baptist Church at Mt. Gilead. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. H. J. Smith.

After a recess of one hour, the delegates re-assembled for business. The body was called to order by Eld. R. G. Hewlett, the Moderator. A hymn was sung and prayer offered by Eld. H. L. Finley.

The letters from the Churches were read by Elders H. W. Rockett and J. H. Collins.

The Association proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing Associational year. Brethren A. J. Quinche and H. E. Draper, acting as tellers, announced the following result, viz: Eld. R. G. Hewlett, Moderator; D. J. Burgess, Clerk; J. A. Thornton, Treasurer.

The Pastor and Deacons of Mt. Gilead Church, together with brethren W. H. Carothers and A. R. Hill, were appointed a committee on Devotional Exercises.

On motion of Eld. H. J. Smith, the Order of Business governing this body at its last session, was again adopted.

Petitionary letters were called for. None presented.

On a call for Corresponding Messengers the following named brethren were received, viz: Bro. W. H. Riles, from the Yalobusha Association; Eld. H. L. Finley, from the Chickasaw Association, and also, was received as representative of the State Mission Board.

On a call for reports of Messengers to Corresponding bodies, Eld. H. J. Smith reported a pleasant and harmonious meeting of the Cold Water Association.

The following brethren were appointed a committee on Finance, viz: Professor A. J. Quinche, Jacob Wilson and J. A. Robertson.

The report of the Executive Board was called for and read by Eld. H. W. Rockett, as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, the Executive Board, beg leave to report, that we held a meeting before the adjournment of the last Association, and appointed each member an agent in his church to collect funds for missionary work within the bounds of the Association. It was the understanding that these brethren should report to the President, and a meeting was to be called to place a missionary in the field; only one of these brethren reported. No other necessity arising to justify a meeting of the Board, no other meeting was held till the close of the Associational year. At this time a meeting was held, at which no business of importance was transacted.

H. W. ROCKETT, President.
ADAM FULMER, JR., Secretary.

Eld. H. J. Smith moved the adoption of the report. A discussion was entered into by Elds. H. J. Smith, G. C. Pritchard, H. W. Rockett, H. L. Finley, J. J. Sawyer, and Professor A. J. Quinche, the latter offering an amendment to the report. After further discussion, Eld. H. J. Smith moved to postpone action until ten o'clock to-morrow. The motion to postpone and the amendment, both being withdrawn, the report was adopted without further discussion.

The following brethren were appointed the

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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Bethany,.....H. B. Gowen.
Bynum's Creek,.....G. F. Scott.
Clear Creek,.....D. J. Burgess.
Concord,.....J. W. Higginbotham,
Courtland,.....A. T. Bobo.
Eureka,.....E. G. Leigh.
Good Hope,.....J. A. Thornton.
Yellowleaf,.....J. A. Robertson.
Yocona,.....J. J. Taylor.
Liberty Hill,.....Samuel Morris.
Mt. Gilead,.....J. W. Smith.
Oxford,.....Z. T. Leavell.
Providence,.....W. K. Briant.
Pope,.....J. R. Bozeman, jr.
Springport,.....C. C. Green.
Water Valley,—H. W. Rockett, W. S. Chapman, W. T. Blount, C. Crosby, J. J. Higginbotham, and J. M. Shaw.

Upon a call for reports of Standing Committees, Eld H. W. Rockett read the following:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to report, that when we speak of Ministerial Education we would not be understood to ignore education in other professions. We favor a general education, and hope the time is not far distant when it will be regarded as an indispensable requisition in all the vocations of life. But the work of this Association, as a christian body, has more directly to do with the education of our ministry. With us, it ought no longer to be a question *whether* we must educate, but *how* we must do it. The blessings of education among our ministers are appreciated by all. The educated man feels them; the uneducated preacher deplores his want of education, and advises his younger brethren to educate; and the churches are seeking after the better educated pastors. Our ministry need to be educated to expose the sophistries of skeptics, and to combat

error in general. Other denominations are educating their preachers, and we cannot be left behind; we must keep pace with the advancement of the age. We have a college at Clinton, Mississippi, under the control of our State Convention, where from twenty-five to forty young ministers are being educated every year. We advise every one wishing an education to go there, especially those having the ministry in view. We have an able faculty there; and there are other advantages to be found there, moral and social, besides education. Brethren, let us educate our ministry and patronize our institutions.

H. W. ROCKETT,
C. CROSBY.

Eld. H. J. Smith moved the adoption of the report. Pending the adoption of which the subject of the report was discussed by Elders H. J. Smith, H. L. Finley, H. W. Rockett, and Professor A. J. Quinche. The report was then adopted.

Eld. T. R. Williams read the following:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to offer the following: As to the importance of Sabbath Schools all will agree. We look upon it next to the preaching of the gospel, as the most noble preparatory institution for church membership of any now on foot. It prepares persons for a more ready reception and belief of the gospel—it prepares persons for a more clear and enlarged conception of christian character and duty, and prepares them for more active and efficient members in every respect, but notwithstanding these are all admissible facts, yet we are sorry to find so few Sabbath Schools reported in our Churches. Now, what we most need at present is some plan, if such a thing could be, that would keep up a live Sabbath School in each of our Churches.

Respectfully submitted,
T. R. WILLIAMS,
G. C. PRITCHARD.

On motion to adopt the report, the subject of Sabbath Schools was discussed by Eld. T. R. Williams. The further consideration of the report was posponed until to-morrow morning.

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On motion of Professor A. J. Quinche the regular order of business was suspended, in order that committees might be appointed on the subjects of Education and Foreign Missions, the committees appointed to write on those subjects being absent.

On motion brother F. Reaves was appointed on Education, and Eld. R. G. Hewlett, on Foreign Missions.

On motion the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Eld. H. L. Finley.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 15th, 1879.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. A hymn was sung and prayer offered by brother G. F. Scott.

The Moderator announced that the adoption of the report on Sabbath Schools was before the body. The further discussion of the subject was resumed by Elds. H. L. Finley, J. J. Sawyer, R. G. Hewlett, H. J. Smith, G. C. Pritchard, and Professor A. J. Quinche. The report was adopted.

Professor A. J. Quinche read the following:

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

The influence of the press as an educator, and its power for good or for evil cannot, without great detriment, be ignored. While not a few Baptist newspapers could be safely recommended to the patronage of the brotherhood, THE BAPTIST RECORD has superior claims upon the support of every Baptist in the State of Mississippi. Its doctrinal teachings are sound. It gives information with reference to all the great enterprises in which we as a denomination are engaged, and ably advocates their claims. It is alive to all the vital issues of the day. Its editor, Rev. J. B. Gambrell, has the entire confidence of his brethren. The cause of missions, and other

good causes, which appeal to Mississippi Baptists, and often appeal in vain, would cease to languish if the BAPTIST RECORD was found in every Baptist family in the State.

Your committee also heartily recommend the circulation of Kind Words, the Foreign Mission Journal, and the Baptist.

A. J. QUINCHE.

The report was, after a motion to adopt, discussed by Professor A. J. Quinche, Elders H. L. Finley, H. J. Smith, H. W. Rockett, and brother C. Crosby, and then adopted.

Eld. H. J. Smith, by request of Eld. J. J. Sawyer, read the following:

REPORT ON THE EVILS OF THE USE OF TOBACCO.

The use of tobacco is one of the most pernicious habits to which man can become addicted. Its general effect upon the system is almost universally admitted to be injurious to health. While it stimulates and excites the nervous system for a time, it is a narcotic in its general effect, and has a stupifying and depressing influence on the brain and the whole nervous system. There may be certain cases where, as a medicine, it may be used with impunity, and even to advantage; but the cases are very rare where, as such, it is actually required. In almost all cases tobacco is used as a habit, whether in smoking, chewing or snuffing. This habit, too, is strictly artificial—not natural. At first tobacco is nauseating and repulsive to the taste, and if used freely will produce serious results. After the system has become somewhat accustomed to its influence it is rolled as a sweet morsel under the tongue, but like sin, it perverts the appetite, feeds the passion, weakens the moral sensibilities and benumbs the intellect.

J. J. SAWYER, Chairman.

Pending the adoption, the subject of the report was discussed by Elders J. J. Sawyer, F. Reaves, H. J. Smith, H. W. Rockett, G. C. Pritchard, and brother Langston.

On motion of Eld. H. J. Smith, the Association adjourned until 1 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, according to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. T. R. Williams.

The report on the Evils of the use of Tobacco, was adopted.

Eld. H. J. Smith read the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is clearly taught in the Bible. We should be temperate in our language, in eating, drinking, in the use of our means, and in our associations with the world. It is equally clear that the anathemas of God are denounced against coveteousness, gluttony, inordinate love of the world, and drunkenness. Taking the word of God as our guide and working earnestly we can accomplish much to alleviate suffering humanity, and to advance the cause of truth and righteousness.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. SMITH, Chairman.

Pending the adoption, the subject of the report was discussed by Eld. H. J. Smith, and the report adopted.

Bro. F. Reaves read the following:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In treating upon this all-important subject, I shall consider it in a natural and physical light. I am well aware that human efforts, without the grace of God avail nothing.

Many people are under the impression that education consists solely in scholastic lore, I have always looked upon it in a broader light; for a man may have buried himself within the walls of a university, all his life, and yet not be educated, in the true sense of the word; again, a man may have never seen the inside of a college, and yet from his intercourse with the world, and observations upon society, reading and thinking, he may be truly an educated man.

Education is the development of the intellect; the cultivation of the faculty called Thought. Newton, upon being asked how he had accomplished so much, replied, "by thinking."

Let it be granted, that the intellect of a child can be developed for good or evil; in other words, that the organs of a child's brain become larger and stronger with use, as in the case of a blacksmith's arm, and that with disuse they become smaller and weaker; we have before us a problem to solve, which may be stated in this way: "Given the intellect of a child in a crude state, to develope a good or a bad man."

The solution of this tremendous problem rests with parents to solve; and it will bear serious thought and meditation. That parents are, to a certain extent, accountable for the conduct of their children in future life, I believe to be true. The subject involves so much that I cannot use any more time in discussing it.

A few words upon scholastic education, studying a great many text-books, and committing a vast amount of reading matter to memory, is not education, it is only the cultivation of a very useful faculty, in acquiring knowledge. True education consists in teaching the mind to reason for itself, to analyze, to depend upon its own power, to create ideas and thoughts, instead of using those of the great men, of a previous generation.

A word upon the study of the sciences; many people think that science and philosophy, are at variance with revealed religion, and that their study leads to skepticism and infidelity. All such have only skimmed the surface, for I have in my study of those wonderful and immutable laws of God, found at every step a confirmation of the truth of the blessed Bible.

I would earnestly advise my young friends to drink deep of the beautiful waters of science, study the operation of God's wonderful laws; they will learn to adore their creator more, to humble themselves at the foot of the Cross, and feeling the infinity of God, and their own littleness, they will learn to trust and lean upon Him for support as they go through life.

Man is progressive. The law of nature is, that like produces its like.

Reasoning thus, we may see how an ignorantly depraved generation will produce the same, and on the other hand, an educated, pious people will produce its like.

So nations advance and retrograde. That this proposition is true, we have only to look at history; Cicero's orations, written in the golden age of Rome, are considered to be pure in diction; the decline of the empire can be traced, by examining the writers of the silver, brass and iron ages; declining in beauty of language a regular, steady decline, until Europe slept in almost utter ignorance for a thousand years. During that time the ancestors of the Arabs were the only people that encouraged learning, the only people that could be

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called civilized. We are indebted to them for much science that would otherwise have been lost.

See the power of education in one single instance: Luther was the sledge hammer of the Reformation, but Melanchthon forged his thunderbolts. It was the little, weak, timid Philip, that confounded the whole talent of the Romish church with his knowledge and intellect.

It was he who wrote the celebrated Confession, or Protest, read before the emperor and nobles of Germany, and which did more for the Reformation than armies would have done. But, my friends, the grace of God was with the scholar.

Has there ever been a true scholar that would have been willing to exchange his mine of wealth within himself, for all the gold of the universe? I believe not.

Soul of my life, child of my brain, thou art more precious than rubies, more to be treasured than pure gold, deprive me of the treasures of the mind and you deprive me of all that is dear in life.

But I must conclude this subject, without having only touched upon its merits.

Let us all try to watch over the rising generation, and so endeavor to develop their intellects for good, and not for evil, and point them to their Redeemer as the source of all love, and peace, and joy on earth, and hope of a home in those mansions beyond, which He has prepared for those who love him.

F. Reaves.

On motion to adopt the subject of Education was discussed by brother F. Reaves and H. W. Rockett, and the report adopted.

Eld. R. G. Hewlett read the following:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee is glad to be able to report that the obligation of Christ's church to send the gospel to all the world is acknowledged by nearly all the professed followers of Christ, but while admitted, the obligation is not met by many, as we have a great many omissionaries, while there are but few anti-missionaries. It is evidently the duty of our ministers and churches to endeavor to make a practical missionary of every member. The reports from the foreign mission fields are very encouraging, especially for the past year, as the work seems to be progressing beyond anything heretofore known.

For 1878, from China the converts are reported by hundreds. In Sweden the report of 2600 baptisms cheers our hearts, while from the Teloogoos we have reported over ten thousand converts, and like news from other fields.

R. G. HEWLETT.

Eld. H. J. Smith moved to adopt, and Eld. H. L. Finley and Professor A. J. Quinche discussed the subject of the report, after which it was adopted.

Bro. J. A. Thornton read the following;

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

J. A. THORNTON, Treasurer,

In Acc't with Oxford Baptist Association:

Received from Finance Committee,	$26 00
For Home Missions,	35 45
For Foreign Missions,	2 00
From H. L. Finley for State Missions,	14 75
Total amount,	$78 20

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Paid to D. J. Burgess,	$26 00	
Paid to T. H. Smith,	35 45	
To H. L. Finley, State Missions,	14 75	
To Foreign Missions	2 00	
Total Amount,		$78 20

The report was adopted.

Prof. A. J. Quinche read the following:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received from churches for Minutes..	$33 15
Received from Eureka for Foreign Missions	2 00
Received at the Association for Foreign Missions	5 75
Total	$40 90

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Ministerial Education—Z. T. Leavell, W. H. Carothers.
Temperance—J. J. Sawyer, W. G. Anderson.
Education—A. J. Quinche, S. P. Woodruff.
Foreign Missions—H. W. Rockett, S. R. Lamb.
Sabbath Schools—D. J. Burgess, J. A. Robertson.
Publications—H. J. Smith, J. H. Collins.
Evils of the use of Tobacco—T. R. Williams, J. W. Higginbotham.

The next meeting of the Association was appointed to be held with the church at Eureka.

Eld. H. W. Rockett was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Moved by H. W. Carothers that the time of meetiug of this Association be changed back to Friday before the first Sabbath in October. Lost.

By motion of Professor A. J. Quinche, Eld. H. L. Finley was invited to present the claims of the State Mission Board. Three dollars in cash was collected and paid over to him as agent of said Board.

By H. W. Rockett,

Resolved, by the Executive Board of this Association, That every pastor in the Association is requested to preach to his church in the interest of Mission work within their limits at his earliest convenience.

Resolved, further, That each member of the Board is made an agent in his church for said work.

Resolved, further, That the Board meet at Water Valley, on Saturday before the 2d Sunday in December, 1879.

By Bro. S. R. Lamb,

Resolved, That the clerk be instructed to insert in the Minutes a blank Associational letter.

By Eld. H. J. Smith,

Resolved, That the churches of this Association be again requested to forward a financial report to each meeting of the Association.

By Eld. H. W. Rockett,

Resolved, That any member of this Association be authorized to represent us in any body with which we correspond.

Resolved, That the funds in the hands of the Treasurer be distributed according to their several objects, and the clerk have as many Minutes printed as the funds for that purpose will pay for.

The Roll was called and corrected.

The Association adjourned to meet with Eureka Church, nine miles south-east of Batesville, at 11 o'clock, A. M., on Friday before the second Lord's day in September, 1880.

R. G. HEWLETT, Moderator.

D. J. BURGESS, Clerk.

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BLANK CHURCH LETTER.

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The Baptist Church of Christ at.....

To the.....*Association.*

Sendeth Christian Salutation:—

DEAR BRETHREN:

We have chosen the following brethren to represent us in your body, to-wit:.....

Should any of the above named brethren fail to attend your meeting, we authorize you to receive, as a delegate, any other brother, from our church, who may be present at your meeting.

(Then give revival news or whatever may be of interest to the Association.)

STATISTICS.

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.....*is our P. O.*.....*our time of Meeting:*

Received by Baptism.....	Dismissed by Letter.....
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Our Financial report for this year (in this report insert everything that has been paid by the church.....

Done by order of the Church in conference on.....
day of .....18.....

.....Moderator.

.....Church Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. G. Hewlett	Oxford.
J. L. Johnson	"
Z. T. Leavell	"
S. D. Johns	Courtland.
H. W. Rockett	Water Valley.
H. J. Smith	Courtland.
T. R. Williams	Taylor's Depot.
T. H. Smith	Water Valley.
J. J. Sawyer	" "
E. D. Rowe	Harrison Station.
J. H. Collins	Pope's "
M. G. Leatherwood	" "
G. C. Pritchard	Springport.
W. R. Briant	Paris.

LICENTIATES.

I. N. Briggs	Elliott's Mill.
J. T. Mabry	Harrison Station.
Barny Milam	Springport.
Wm. P. Hobbs	"
James Huggins	Oxford.

Statistics of the Churches for 1879.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
Bethany	Harrison	Tallahatchie	H. B. Gowen, H. E. Draper
Bynum's Creek	Elliott's Mill	Panola	G. F. Scott, W. W. Jolly, Jesse McCullough
Clear Creek	Clear Creek	LaFayette	R. G. Hewlett, D. J. Burgess, J. T. McCullough
Concord	Taylor's Depot	LaFayette	Jacob Wilson, T. R. Williams, W. S. Savage
Courtland	Courtland	Panola	Not Represented. Last years statistics
Eureka	Eureka Springs	Panola	E. G. Leigh, S. P. Woodruff, S. R. Lamb
Good Hope	Elliott's Mill	Panola	H. J. Smith, J. A. Thornton, James Slaughter
Liberty Hill	Elliott's Mill	Panola	P. T. Patton, Samuel Morris
Mt. Gilead	Water Valley	Yalobusha	J. J. Sawyer, J. P. Boydson, W. J. Smith
Oxford	Oxford	Lafayette	A. J. Quinche, W. H. Carothers
Providence	Banner	Calhoun	Z. V. Hunt, E. Webb
Pope's Station	Pope's Station	Panola	J. H. Collins, Jeff. B. Bozeman, Jr.
Springport	Springport	Panola	G. C. Pritchard, J. J. Wright
Water Valley	Water Valley	Yalobusha	H. W. Rockett, C. Crosby
Yellowleaf	Oxford	Lafayette	Wm. Bowls, J. A. Robertson
Yocona	Taylor's Depot	Lafayette	J. J. Taylor

Statistics of the Churches---Continued.

Churches	Pastors	Days of Meeting	Baptized.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Minutes	Pastors.	Sexton.	For Missions.	State Missions.	Minis. Educat'n	Sunday School.	Total.
Bethany	H. J. Smith	2d	1	3	...	1	1	1	55	3 00	120	...	...	6 30	...	...	129 30
Bynum's Creek	J. J. Sawyer	1st	5	...	...	3	...	...	25	2 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 00
Clear Creek	R. G. Hewlett	2&4	...	2	...	4	4	2	86	2 25	125	7	25	22 35	...	...	181 60
Concord	G. G. Pritchard	3d	14	7	...	4	...	1	65	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 00
Courtland	H. B. Hayward	4th	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eureka	R. G. Hewlett	3d	...	...	...	2	...	...	31	2 00	84	...	7	...	...	...	93 00
Good Hope	H. J. Smith	4th	6	8	...	4	2	1	108	3 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 00
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Providence	W. K. Briant	2d	5	8	1	7	2	1	83	1 35	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 35
Pope's Station	J. H. Collins	3d	3	2	...	2	...	...	19	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 00
Springport	G. C. Pritchard	1st	19	3	...	1	...	...	54	1 35	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 35
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OFFICERS:

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. Receive Corresponding Messengers.
3. Receive reports of Messengers to Corresponding Bodies.
4. Appoint a Finance Committee.
5. Receive report of Executive Board.
6. Appoint Executive Board.
7. Receive reports of Standing Committees.
8. Receive Treasurer's Report.
9. Receive report of Finance Committee.
10. Appoint Standing Committees.
11. Appoint the place for the next meeting of Association.
12. Appoint a brother to preach the Introductory Sermon.
13. Miscellaneous Business and Resolutions.
14. Call and Correct the Roll.
15. Adjourn.

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FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

Eureka, Panola County, Miss., September 9th, 1880.

The Oxford Baptist Association met in its Eleventh Annual Session, with the Baptist Church at Eureka.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. H. W. Rockett.

After a recess of one hour, the delegates re-assembled for business.

The body was called to order by Eld. R. G. Hewlett, and prayer was offered by Eld. Z. T. Leavell.

The letters from the churches were read by Elders H. J. Smith, and J. H. Collins.

The names of the delegates were enrolled, and the Association proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, resulting as follows:

Eld. Z. T. Leavell, Moderator, D. J. Burgess, Clerk, and J. A. Thornton, Treasurer.

On motion of Eld. R. G. Hewlett, the deacons of this church, together with Brethren H. E. Draper; and W. H. Carothers, were appointed a committee on Devotional Exercises.

The order of business governing this body at its last session, was again adopted.

On a call for correspondents, the following brethren reported:

From Cold Water Association—W. W. Dickens, S. T. Shuford, and E. J. Legge.

From Yalabusha—A. Duke.

From Chickasaw—Eld. H. L. Finley.

On a call for reports of messengers to Corresponding Bodies, Eld. Z. T. Leavell reported a pleasant and harmonious meeting of the Chickasaw Association.

A committee was appointed on Finance as follows: C. Crosby, E. G. Leigh, and J. A. Robertson.

Further time was granted the Executive Board to make its report.

Further time was granted the committed on Ministerial Education.

The committee on Temperance was granted further time, also the committee on Education was granted further time.

The following report on Foreign Missions was read by Eld. H. W. Rockett.

Report on Foreign Missions

Your commtttee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report that:

1. That great progress is making in this department of our work, and the prospect for sucoess grows brighter every year.

2. That the heathens are as susceptible of gospel impressions as people in our own country.

3. That so far as our knowledge extends, all communities are open to the preaching of the glad tidings.

4. That missionaries are offering themselves and saying send us. Many are from our own State.

5. That it is the duty of Christ's churches to send them. But they cannot be sent without money. Brethren, they must go, and we must support them.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. ROCKETT.

Pending a motion to adopt, an interesting discussion was entered into by Elders R. G. Hewlett, J. L. Johnson, and Z. T. Leavell; after which the report was adopted.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported.

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On motion, the Order of Business was suspended, and a committee on State Missions was appointed as follows: Elders R. G. Hewlett, and H. J. Smith, and brethren J. J. Taylor, and H. E. Draper.

On motion of Eld. H. J. Smith, the Association adjourned to meet at 8½ o'clock, to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder R. G. Hewlett.

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SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Saturday, September 10, 1880.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Elder H. L. Finley.

The following report on Sabbath-schools was read by D. J. Burgess, viz:

Report on Sabbath-Schools.

Your committee to whom was referred this subject, submit the following:

It is with sadness that we must state, from the reading of the letters to this body, that there is but little interest manifested in this important work. All admit its importance and acknowledge that we as Christians and Baptists ought to manifest more zeal with regard to it.

How can we best accomplish this much desired end, is the question for us to decide.

Your committee would respectfully suggest, that the pastors of the different churches be urged to preach to their members upon this subject, and insist upon its importance.

Your committes would further suggest, that the churches be again requested to forward in their annual letter, a regular statistical report of their Sabbath-school work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. BURGESS, Chairman.

Pending a motion to adopt, a discussion was entered into by Elder J. L. Johnson, R. G. Hewlett, H. W. Rockett, and H. L. Finley.

The following resolution was proposed to-wit:

Rvsolved, That this Association does not approve of Sabbath-school work in the bounds of this Association, and that reports on that subject hereafter be abolished from our list. The yeas and nays were called for, and the motion lost.

The following resolution was then offered, viz:

Resolved, That we will go home and do our very best to establish Sunday-schools in the church to which we belong, if we have not a school already established, and if we have a school, we will actively co-operate therewith. The resolution was adopted, and the report was also adopted.

The following report on the Evils of the use of Tobacco, was read by Bro. J. W. Higginbotham.

Report on the Evils of the use of Tobbacco.

That the use of Tobacco is an evil, and a great evil, is generally admitted. Therefore, your committee will not attempt to prove that it is a useless and unnecessary practice, a filthy habit, and one of the most pernicious to which any man can become addicted, but try to show briefly that it is altogether wrong, and exceedingly sinful, for christians to indulge in such a habit. The question is asked in the Bible, "wherefore do you spend money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which satisfieth not?" Now your committee know too well from sad experience, that tobacco costs money, and that it is not bread, neither does it satisfy; and would urge every one, and especially christians who do use it to quit using it, and those who do not use it never to contract the habit, for in so doing, you injure yourselves and rob God. The question was once asked, and may perhaps again be asked by tobacco users, wherein have we robbed Him? The answer is in tithes and offerings, as the following facts abundantly prove.

According to your committees report for 1878, it was shown that in 1877, the enormous sum of $113,000,500 was paid out for tobacco (in the various ways in which it is used) in the United States alone. That committee showed further that allowing one tenth of the above amount to have been spent by professors of re-

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ligion, (which would have been $11,350,000, would have supported at $1000 per man, 11,350 missionaries in foreign lands.

But enormous as these figures appear, they sink into insignificance when compared with the amount uselessly and sinfully thrown away during the year 1879.

It is stated in Prophetic Times (which is reliable authority we presume) Volume 2, No. 8, page 270, that during the year above named, that the tremendous sum of $225,300,000 was expended for tobacco in this country; Now, allowing a tenth of this to be spent by professors of religion, instead of $11,350,000, we have the amazing sum of $22,500,000, which at $1000 each, would place in the Master's vineyard about 22,530 laborers: Preachers enough to bear the glad tidings of the gospel of Peace to every heathen land, and supply the pulpits of all the civilized world besides. Now what is the entire amount contributed in the United States for missions? Less than $4,000,000.

Your committee would respectfully ask, does this not look like robbing God, for professed christians in this enlightened age, in this gospel land, to sinfully waste, and worse than throw away, $18,530,000 more than they give to the cause of their Divine Master. It is a source of profound astonishment to see brethren giving annually from fifty cents to about five dollars, to the support of their pastor, the cause of missions, charitable objects, and the cause of Christ generally, and throwing away for tobacco, from ten to twenty-five dollars, and sisters giving perhaps on an average less than half a dollar to the cause of Christ, and paying from thirty-five to forty cents per bottle, for from half a dozen to dozen bottles of snuff during the year, and then with wonder ask, wherein have we robbed God.

Your committee in conclusion would ask the serious attention of Baptists, and all christians to the importance of working in every right and lawful way to stay the future progress of this great evil.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM.

Pending the motion to adopt, the merits of the report were discussed by Elder R. G. Hewlett, J. L. Johnson, and H. L. Finley.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator, Prayer by Elder W. K. Briant.

The report on the evils of the use of tobacco was recommitted, and time granted the committee to make alterations.

A letter was presented from Mt. Gilead church and the delegates names enrolled.

Report on Minesterial Education was read by Elder Z. T. Leavell.

Report on Ministerial Education.

Your committtee on Ministerial Education beg leave to report, that the subject of the Education of young ministers is not overlooked by our people. All through the State, as far as our knowledge goes, Baptists are considering the importance of culture in the pulpit. Our ministers ought to be educated as far as possible. They surely want to be educated. But we do not consider education indispensable to the success of those who preach the gospel. Men have preached and do preach well, who scarcely know the rudiments of grammar. But such men are not satisfied with their attainments in learning. We should consider that the people of our country are rapidly becoming educated, and the pulpit ought not to fall behind the pew, nay, the pulpit should be in advance of the pew.

We wish to make some recommendations on this subject:

1. We recommend Mississippi College as a suitable school to send young ministers to pursue their literary studies.

2. We recommend that a Ministerial Board be appointed and located at Oxford whose duty it shall be to encourage our people to give to the cause of Ministerial Education.

3. We also recommend that this Board be authorized to aid young ministers who find it not convenient to go to Clinton and enter the University at Oxford.

4. Should no young minister apply for aid at the University, we recommend that the money gathered by this Board be sent to the Board of Ministerial Education at Clinton. Or should there be money on hand after aiding those young ministers who attend the University wishing help, or if any one who contributes to this Board wishes his money sent to the Board at Clinton, that such money be sent to the Board of Ministerial Education of the State Convention.

These recommendations are made for the encouragement and development of any young men who have the ministery in view, and that all our ministers be educated in our own State.

Z. T. LEAVELL; Chairman.

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After a short discussion the report was adopted.

The following report on State Missions was read by Elder R. G. Hewlett, viz:

Report on State Missions.

Your committee report: That on examination we find the contributions of money for this cause, by the Churches of this Association, are larger for the preseut Associational year, thar they were for last year.

Last year five churches contributed $320 65. This year ten churches report $429 10. This amount goes to the aid of the cause outside ol this Association, as there is no church in our body that receives pecuniary aid from the State Board, which Board is located within our bounds, viz: at Oxford. If dollars and cehts are the finger board that indicate the amount of good we are doing, it will thus be seen that we are making some advance in this matter.

Query? Would it not be well to speud at least a part of this amount in aid of weak churches in our own bounds.

The State Board reports twenty-five laborers employed during the past year in various stations in the State. The expenses of the work have been $7,213 34, number of persons baptized, 300.

For other information on this subject we would refer you to the report of the State Board as published in the Baptist Record of August 26.

Respectfully,

R. G. HEWLETT, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Elder H. L. Finley, Z. T. Leavell, and J. L. Johnson, and adopted.

It was suggested that a board on Ministerial Education be appointed in connection with the State University at Oxford.

The order of business was suspended and a committee ef threo appointed to appoint said committee as suggested: Elders H. J. Smith. W. K. Briant, and J. W. Higgin botham were appointed as said committee.

The following report on Temperance was read by Brother W. G. Anderson and adopted without discussson:

Report on Temperance.

Temperance is defined moderation. To be temperate is to be moderate. We are commanded to be temperate in all things. In eating, in drinking, in talking and in all our intercourse with our fellow-men, When we get to be temperate we will have arrived at the full stature of men and women in Christ. Temperance is one of the Christian graces greatly to be desired and we should strive to grow in this grace as in all others.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. ANDERSON.

The following report on Education was read by S. P. Woodruff and adopted without discussion:

Report on General Education.

Our subject is so universally approved by all classes, that it is not necessary for us to attempt to arouse the minds of this people to the importance of it, but merely to speak a word of encouragment to those whose duty it is to educate. The foundation for an education is laid by the parents in early life. The good work commences almost at the cradle and should be pushed by parents (espocially the mother) as constantly as the mind will admit. Then we should employ the common schools, and then the high schools or the best colleges at our command. It has been said that it requires years of hard study to obtain an education, which is an average life. Then, brethren, should we not use all our energies and lose no time in this work. Others have been educated in the full or broad sense of the term, and why not we educate our children? It has been said, "educate your children and the country is safe," and is not that applicable in some degree to the church.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. WOODRUFF, Chairman.

The report on the evils of the use of tobacco, called for re-read, and laid on the table.

Treasurer's report read and adopted, as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

J. A. THORNTON, Treasurer.

In account with Oxford Baptist Association:

Received of Finance Committee	$33 15
Foreign Committee	7 75
Bro. H. L. Finley collected for Home Missions	55 30
Collected by Association	14 50
Foreign Missions	2 00
Total	$112 70

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To T. J. Burges for minutes	$33 15	
To H. L. Finley for Foreign Missions	7 75	
Collected by H. L. Finley for Home Missions	55 30	
To H. L. Finley	14 50	
To Z. T. Leavell for missions	2 00	
Total		$112 70

Finance Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

Report on Finance.

Received for printing minutes	$39 35
" " Home Missions	24 50
" " " "	5 00
Total	$68 85

C. CROSBY,
E. G. LEIGH,
J. A. ROBERTSON.

On motion of Elder J. L. Johnson, the report on Ministerial Education was consolidated with the report on General Education.

The following brethren were appointed on Ministerial Education, in connection with the State University, viz: Elder Z. T. Leavell, H. W. Rockett, R. G. Hewlett, and brethren W. H. Carothers, G. W. Leavell, Jesse Humphries, and Maj. Estell.

Appointed the following standing committees, viz:

Standing Committees.

General Education—H. W. Rockett, S. R. Lamb.
Temperance—H. J. Smith, E. F. Wallace.
Foreign Missions—R. G. Hewlett, C. Crosby.
State Missions—W. S. Chapman, S. P. Woodruff.
Sabbath-Schools—J. H. Collins, J. J. Sawyer.
Publications—M. G. Leatherwood, Wm. R. Hobbs.

The next meeting was appointed to be held with the Clear Creek Church.

Elder Z. T. Leavell was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. The rules were suspended, and J. L. Johnson, appointed as alternate.

The following report on Publications was read, and a lively discussion entered into. The report was adopted:

Report on Publications.

This is an era of tremendous responsibility. The world is full of grand activities. The press is a powerful instrument for moulding the characters of men, for good or evil, error; fiction and infidelity have seized the press and are using it with great force to mislead the people, oppose the Bible, and like the burning and withering blight of the deadly sirocco, is sending a stream of moral poison through the land. In order to counteract the baneful influence of corrupt literature which assaults the citadel of truth, we must use our best efforts to circulate good religious literature. We would call your attention to the Baptist Book House, Memphis, Tenn., where you can purchase (at a fair price) any number of religious books or tracts you may desire. Many of these books bear the impress of the very first order of scholarship and piety. Your committee would also direct your attention to the Baptist Record, published at Jackson, Mississippi. The Baptist, published at Memphis Tennessee. The Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Virginia. And Kind Words, the only Baptist Sunday School paper published in the South, it is published at Macon, Georgia. Your committee would earnestly urge that every family in this Association subscribe for and read a good religious paper. We also suggest the importance of churches procuring circulating libraries and if read by all

the members there would be a very perceptible advance in love, piety and good works, and denominational prosperity in our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. SMITH.
J. A. COLLINS.
Committee.

The report of the Executive Board was read by H. J. Smith and adopted.

Report of the Executive Board.

We the Executive Board beg leave to report that nothing of interest has claimed our attention during the year except the Mission work within the bounds of the Association. We tried to get Brother H. L. Finley to give one half of his time to this work and thought once that we had secured his services, and did not know that we had failed until after the second meeting of the Board, after which time we could not get the Board together again in time to do anything.

We do not believe there is destitution enough to justify us in employing a man for his whole time. We would recommend that the pastors in the Association supply the few places of destitution and that the Association recompense them for it.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. ROCKETT, President.

The Executive Board was appointed as follows:

Bethany—H. E. Draper.
Bynum's Creek—W. W. Jolly.
Clear Creek—D. J. Burgess.
Concord—J. W. Higginbotham.
Courtland—D. A. Burnett.
Eureka—E. G. Leigh.
Good Hope—J. A. Thornton.
Yellowleaf—J. A. Robertson.
Yocona—J. J. Taylor.
Liberty Hill—Samuel Morris.
Mt. Gilead—J. W. Smith.
Oxford—Z. T. Leavell.
Providence—W. K. Briant.

Pope Station—J. R. Bozeman, Jr.

Springport—C. C. Greene.

Water Valley—H. W. Rockett, C. Crosby, J. W. Shaw, J. J. Higginbotham, W. S. Chapman.

By Elder R. G. Hewlett.

Resolved, That the churches of this Association be again requested to forward a financial report to each meeting of the Association.

Resolved, That any member of this Association be authorized to represent us in any body with which we correspond.

Resolved, That the funds in the hands of the Treasurer be distnibuted according to their several objects, and that the clerk have as many copies of the minutes printed as the fund for that purpose will pay for.

The roll was called and corrected.

The Association adjourned to meet with the church at Clear Creek, nine miles west of Oxford, at 11 o'clock, A. M. on Saturday before the second Sabbath in September, 1881.

Z. T. LEAVELL, Moderator.

D. J. BURGESS, Clerk.

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BLANK CHURCH LETTER.

The Baptist Church of Christ at .....

To the .....*Association.*

Sendeth Christian Salutation:—

DEAR BRETHREN:—

We have chosen the following brethren to represent us in your body, to-wit:.....

Should any of the above named brethren fail to attend your meeting, we authorize you to receive, as a delegate, any other brother, from our church, who may be present at your meeting.

(Then give revival news or whatever may be of interest to the Association.)

STATISTICS.

.....*is our Pastor.*

.....*is our P. O.*.....*our time of Meeting.*

Received by Baptism.....	Dismissed by Letter.....
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Restored.....	Dead.....

Total number in fellowship.....

Our Financial report for this year (in this report insert everything that has been paid by the church.....

Done by order of the Church in conference on.....

day of .....18.....

.....Moderator.

.....Church Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
R. G. Hewlett	Oxford.
J. L. Johnson	"
Z. T. Leavell	"
S. D. Johns	Courtland.
H. W. Rockett	Water Valley.
H. J. Smith	Courtland.
T. R. Williams	Taylor's Depot
T. H. Smith	Water Valley
J. J. Sawyer	" "
E. D. Rowe	Harrison Station.
J. H. Collins	Pope's "
M. G. Leatherwood	" "
G. C. Pritchard	Springport.
W. K. Briant	Paris.

LICENTIATES.

I. N. Briggs	Elliott's Mill.
J. T. Mabry	Harrison Station.
Barny Milan	Springport.
Wm. P. Hobbs	"
James Huggins	Oxford.

Statistical Table for the Year 1880.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
Antioch	Courtland	Panola	J. R. Morrow, M. M. Wells, E. W. Louis
Bethany	Harison Station	Tallahatchie	H. E. Draper H. B. Gowen, P. E. Russ
Bynum's Creek	Elliots Mill	Panola	W. W. Jolly, G. F. Scott
Clear Creek	Oxford	Lafayette	Eld. R. G. Hewlett, D. J. Burgess, H. L. Bunch, Z. A. MoElroy
Concord	Taylor's Depot	Lafayette	D. P. Moore, J. W. Higginbotham
Courtland	Courtland	Panola	W. G. Anderson, D. A. Burnett
Eureka	Eureka Springs	Panola	S. P. Woodruff, E. G. Leigh, J. W. Lamb
Good Hope	Elliott's Mill	Panola	Elder H. J. Smith, J. A. Thoraton, James Slaughter
Liberty Hill	Elliott's Mill	Panola	Elder M. G. Leatherwood, P. T. Patton
Mt. Gilead	Water Valley	Yalobusha	Elder J. J. Sawyer
Oxford	Oxford	Lafayette	Elder Z. T. Leavell, Elder J. L. Johnson, W. H. Carothers, G. B. Hill
Providence	Banner	Calhoun	Elder W. K. Bryant
Pope Station	Pope Station	Panola	Jeff. R. Bozeman, Jr., E. D. Bozeman
Spring Port	Spring Port	Panola	Elder W. P. Hobbs, A. A. Sanders
Water Valley	Water Valley	Yalobusha	Elder H. W. Rockett, C. Crosby
Yellow Leaf	Oxford	Lafayette	James Hill, J. A. Robertson
Yocona	Taylor's Depot	Lafayette	R. M. Varner, J. J. Taylor

STATISTICAL TABLE---Continued.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Days of Meeting.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Minutes.	Paid Pastors.	Paid Sextons.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Educatn	Sunday Schools.	Gen. Benevolence.	Total.
Antioch	H. J. Legge.....	3	5	4	2	2	...	...	35	2 00	.....	.....	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	11 00
Bethany	H. J. Smith.....	2	4	...	...	1	...	3	55	3 00	120 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	129 00
Bynum's Cr'k	H. J. Smith..	3	...	1	...	3	...	...	22	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Clear Creek..	R. G. Hewlett.....	2	16	15	...	5	..	3	109	2 50	133 50	10 70	50 00	45 00	.....	8 00	.....	249 70
Concord	J. C. Pritchard....	3	9	25	3	7	...	...	100	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Courtland. ...	H. B. Haywood..	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	21	1 05	.....	.....	5 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	16 05
Eureka.	R. G. Hewlett....	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	34	2 00	90 00	.....	7 50	.....	5 00	14 00	.....	118 50
Good Hope...	H. J. Smith..	4	1	2	1	11	...	3	91	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50
Liberty Hill..	H. J. Smith.....	1	3	8	2	5	2	1	43	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Mt. Gilead....	J. J. Sawyer.....	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	52	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Oxford..	Z. T. Leavell.....	ev y	32	10	...	11	1	...	136	3 00	1150 00	165 00	100 00	253 00	160 00	49 37	127 00	2007 37
Providence ..	Not given.....	2	4	3	...	6	...	...	80	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75
Pope Station	No Pastor.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	75	20 75	.....	.....	7 80	.....	.....	.....	29 30
Spring Port ..	G. C. Pritchard...	1	10	6	...	13	...	1	66	1 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 80
Water Valley	H. W. Rockett....	ev y	6	2	...	1	...	2	85	4 00	.....	.....	.....	27 75	.....	.....	.....	31 75
Yellow Leaf..	R. G. Hewlett.....	1	...	...	...	1	7	...	52	2 50	104 60	.....	9 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	125 50
Yocona	R. G. Hewlett.....	4	7	2	3	6	...	3	40	2 00	110 00	.....	11 00	13 00	.....	.....	.....	136 00
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Water Valley	H. W. Rockett	ev y	6	2	...	1	...	2	66	1 80	.....	.....	.....	7 80	.....	.....	.....	29 30
Yellow Leaf	R. G. Hewlett	1	...	...	...	1	7	...	85	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 80
Yocona	R, G. Hewlett	4	7	2	3	6	...	3	52	2 50	104 00	.....	.....	27 75	.....	.....	.....	31 75
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